

10 January 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations Branch
FROM : Engineering & Planning Branch
SUBJECT : Telephone Answering Devices

1. Based on information in Consumer Reports, March 1976, the following telephone answering devices are recommended:

PHONE-MATE 800AC (Phone-Mate, Inc., Torrance, California) \$190

RECORD-A-CALL 60 (T.A.D. Avanti, Inc., Paramount, California) \$170

SANYO M 139 N (Sanyo Electric, Inc., Moonachie, New Jersey) \$170

2. The following items were the basis in choosing from the fourteen devices presented in the article.

a) Although several devices were substantially less expensive they were eliminated because they required one or two external recorders (resulting in increased equipment size) or they were battery operated (an inconvenience).

b) Several of the units substantially more expensive (\$230-\$300) had features that are not required.

c) Note that the telephone company requires an Authorized Protective Connecting Module (APCM). This module is built into the PHONE-MATE and RECORD-A-CALL units.

d) A remote pick-up (interrogator) is an available external attachment to the PHONE-MATE (plus hand-held interrogator) and must not be purchased.



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